

Christ in Nether Edge and Us

November-December 2023

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Cover picture: the newly restored spire

Letter from Naomi

My dear Friends,

Throughout the season of Advent, we will gather around the manger to wait. To do so *intentionally*. To *turn our attention* to waiting.

But what are we waiting for?

Our thoughts turn to the land we call Holy – where the 'little town of Bethlehem' along with all other Palestinian cities in the West Bank is sealed off by Israeli military, all roads in and out barred with cement blocks and armed guards. An image lifted right out of the Gospels, the occupation and oppression of 'othered' people being an intrinsic part of human sin throughout history.

We have witnessed the most appalling massacre of Jewish people near the border to Gaza. Images of the 'slaughter of the innocents' recounted by Matthew, get up off the page and appear before our eyes on the 24-hour newsfeed.

Every day we see footage from Gaza which we find unbearable to watch: people blown apart, homes, hospitals, critical infrastructure destroyed, whole communities displaced, terrorised, and starved.

And then we enter this strange time in the Christian year called Advent. A time to wait. Deeply counter intuitive, when many of us want to and must **do**: do whatever we can to assist the suffering people of Israel Palestine, to shout out for a ceasefire and for a negotiated peace which must bring with it equality, justice and freedom for all.

But we cannot and should not ignore the season of waiting.

And as we wait, we wait in hope. We dare to hope.

For as we gather around the manger, we begin to locate our deepest longings, our fears, our desires and, our hope.

Hope is the force that holds us together.

Hope is the power in the action of an 85-year-old Israeli woman shaking the hand of her Palestinian captor and wishing him peace. Shalom.

Hope is the force that holds our broken world now and tomorrow and forever.

Hope binds us together in community. Hope makes us the Body of Christ. This is a work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's prayer is as deep as a mother's groaning for her children, and as constant as the wind blowing the mist away. She is praying for us all: as individuals, as a world, as Jews and Gentiles, as the broken Body of Christ.

She knows our deepest longings and our deepest needs. She nurses the whole creation as it weeps in agony.

And as we gather around the manger, if we wait and listen and hope, we will find her there, holding the pain of it all. She will enter in.

We wait for the birth of a baby, born in the muck and mess of an occupied land, where life is cheap and violence reigns. *God with us*.

God showing us in flesh, that there is another way.

Shalom. Peace to you, peace to the world, this Advent and Christmas.

Naomi

What did You Think of Nexus?

Thanks to everyone who completed the Nexus questionnaire included in the last issue. We had 28 responses (23 online) and here are some of the headlines:

- The most popular features were the Letter from Naomi (93% always read it) and Getting to Know You (89%). For other regular features, 50-60% said they always read them with over 80% always or sometimes read them.
- The most popular topics to be covered more were the local community (75%), questions to grapple with (50%) and news from the District/Diocese (46%)
- 96% said the frequency of publication was about right
- 50% said their copy was read by just them, 46% by them and their immediate household; no-one said it was read by friends or members of the local community.
- 68% said Nexus should be aimed at both the church and local community while 25% said just the church community
- 32% were prepared to be an occasional contributor, with another 29% saying 'maybe'.
- Among the things people particularly liked the most commonly mentioned were the varied content and keeping in touch with the church community.
- Among the things that could be improved were shorter articles, more humour, more illustrations, and the introduction of a readers' letters page.
- Of the 12 other comments, 7 were positive comments about Nexus

We didn't ask for any demographics so we don't know if the 28 responses are representative of the readership. They are likely to be biased towards the more committed readers but 28 is probably a sufficiently large sample to take the responses seriously.

Nexus is valued by readers and most features are read by most readers most or all of the time, so we are getting something right. The most obvious simple things to change would be slightly shorter, punchier



WELL BOYS, I HAVE TO SAY IT'S BEEN NICE HAVING THREE DOGS THESE PAST YEARS ... BUT NOT SO MUCH TODAY

articles, more humour and pictures, and maybe some form of letters page.

A more difficult issue is the target audience. Two thirds of responses said Nexus should be aimed at both the church and local communities, and 75% wanted more content about the local community. This could radically change

the character of the publication and create challenges in funding and distribution. It might also reduce its effectiveness in keeping church people in touch with the church community, one of the things respondents particularly liked about it. No-one said their copy was currently read by members of the local community but that is perhaps because it is currently largely aimed at the church community. This is clearly a tricky one that will need more detailed consideration.

If you have any more thoughts about Nexus do let us know (and we can start a letters page).

Getting to Know You

A series where we interview a member of our community. This month it is Josie Smith.

What brought you to Sheffield?

My husband's job, as was so common then. There was a choice between Norwich and Sheffield and we chose Sheffield because we like hills and the North is home. We had just had six year's in rural Bedfordshire (husband's job again) before returning North.

What keeps you in Sheffield?

There is a magnetic pull, something in the rocks. We felt we belonged the minute we arrived. Also, most of my family now lives in and around Sheffield – they obviously feel the pull as well.

Why St Andrew's Psalter Lane?

When Broomhill closed I looked around for an alternative. We had had had a close relationship with St Mark's but the pews were uncomfortable and the parking was difficult. When I tried St Andrew's



I felt at home from the minute I walked in – the welcome, the theology, the ecumenical partnership were all part of that.

What work do/did you do?

I have never had a full-time, paid job but I have had a huge variety of part-time and/or voluntary jobs. When I was 17, my brother 13 and my baby sister 18 months old, our mother died. My grandmother, who lived with us, needed care, and my father was trying to get his business going again after the war, so I stayed at home to look after the family and home. A few years later I married Donald and we had our own children and so I was looking after two families and two homes until my father remarried. When my youngest child started school I trained as a teacher, taking advantage of a post-war scheme to encourage mature students into the profession. I taught reading at Upperthorpe Middle School for 12 years. Alongside all this, I did an Open University degree, volunteered with the Samaritans, and got involved with religious broadcasting, particularly with Radio Sheffield but also with Radios 2, 3 and 4 and some television work. I was also becoming more involved with the Methodist Church and, through a role supporting Methodists working in local broadcasting across Britain and Ireland, I ended up on most of the Methodist governing Boards. And I was accredited as a local preacher at the age of 63. I still write for the blog Theology Everywhere.

Which book would you take to a desert island?

My commonplace book (actually two books now) where I collect sayings and observations that appeal to me. It could be anything from a statement by the Dalai Lama to seeing a lorry advertising clean energy belching smoke. My whole life is in there.

Which film makes you cry?

I enjoyed Philomena and especially Steve Coogan's performance. However, I prefer live theatre, particularly the work of groups such as Mikron and Northern Broadsides. The theatre can say things the church doesn't, things that I approve of.

Which Bible passage do you keep going back to?

Luke 24:13-35, the story of the Emmaus Road. Jesus was recognised in the familiar, the breaking of bread.

If you could go anywhere for a week, where would it be?

Pickering, or anywhere on the North Yorkshire Moors. I have been going since I was six years old which, when you are 93, is a long time. I have lots of friends there and, again, it is a place where I feel I belong.

What is your favourite hymn?

How shall I sing that majesty, but it must be with the original third verse:

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, With all my fire and light; Yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

The rest of the hymn is about the greatness of God, but this verse brings me into it.

United or Wednesday?

I have no interest in team sports. Individual sports - table tennis, snooker, and in the old days F1 motor racing - yes. Football is a church for some, but not for me.

Contemplation

You may think the Christmas prayer a trifle flippant but please read to the end to understand the significance of the last verse. Many of us, women and men alike, may feel like this especially as there is always so much to do and sometimes we can feel overwhelmed.

Marilyn

Prayer for Advent: Watching and Waiting

Now is the time of watching and waiting A time pregnant with hope A time to watch and pray.

Christ our Advent hope, Remind us to prepare for your coming; Remind us to prepare for this time When the soles of your feet touch the ground, When you will become one of us To be a one with us.

May we watch for the signs, Listen for the messengers, Wait for the good news to slip Into our world, our lives. Christ our Advent hope, Help us to clear the way for you; To clear the clutter from our minds, To sift the silt from our hearts, To move the boulders that prevents us meeting you.

May sorrow take flight, And your people sing a song of peace And hope be born again.

Blessing for Advent

May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth and may faith tell you, Emmanuel will be with us soon, in human skin *Roddy Hamilton*

Prayer for Christmas: Christmas Rush

Ready for Christmas? You're joking! With all I've got to do, I'll be lucky if I'm ready by This time next year.

Stir-up Sunday Found me without even The ingredients, Let alone the time to Stir them...

The cards -I was going to write More than 'Hope all is well' This year But I haven't...

Shopping's a nightmare, With all those people Intent on spending Christmas...

Working out who's Visiting who, and Who'll be offended If we don't...

The tree, the decorations,

Enough food for the cat, Not to mention us, I'll never be ready.

But I'm certainly ready for Christmas - that moment when The world seems hushed In silent expectation, The light in the stable Draws us from chaos To the stillness of God at the centre, And love is born.

I'm longing for that.

Ann Lewin

Blessing

May this Christmas be for each of us a time of moving beyond reason to wonder, beyond grasping to letting go and beyond competition to cooperation in the power of the Babe of Bethlehem And may the Blessing ...

WL Wallace

Justice and Peace

This section, and indeed the Methodist District Group that bears the same name, choose to put the words justice and peace in that order because peace without justice is almost certainly doomed to failure. So has it been in the 75 years since Palestinians were driven from their homelands in 1948 in the events following the founding of Israel.

Repeated international conflicts (notably in 1967 and 1983) brought about negotiations for a just settlement, the Oslo Accords, which led many exiled Palestinians to return home. But dreams of peace were dashed as Israel reneged on commitments. Two intifadas - popular insurrections - followed and countless military raids on Gaza and the West Bank. Most recently, groups of settlers laying claim to land where Palestinians have lived for centuries, have formed militias to drive families from land, all supported and even encouraged by government ministers.

These are the hard facts, often recited. For months now it has been clear that something would cause an explosion, whether the repeated storming of Al Aqsa mosque by armed settlers or the frequent heavy raids on refugee camps in Jenin and Nablus, among others. The Israeli Defence Force attention was elsewhere when the surprise Hamas breach of the security fences and the subsequent appalling murders and kidnapping took place. Nothing in any faith can justify events that have generated such anger, deep sorrow and despair; feelings shared across all faiths. We must, and do, grieve for all those affected.

Of course, in international law, Israel like any other country has an absolute right to defend her territory. But as the days since that attack took place have passed, questions are being asked around the world about the way in which self defence has turned into a vengeance far outwith the bounds of international law.

Three nights ago, Ahmed Alnaouq lost 30 members of his family in a single targeted missile attack. His father, brothers, sisters, their spouses and children, just like that. Ahmed worshipped at St Andrews at Christmas 2020 and during his 6 months stay with us he enjoyed long conversations with Gareth Jones. He now works for European Human Rights Watch in London. How will he begin to face a future without family?

But he is not alone. In the last 24 hours, I have learned of two similar family wipe outs. The peaceful youth organisation *We Are Not Numbers* has lost more than 29 members. And for those struggling to survive, life is a living hell. My daughter's friend and co-researcher

Rana is still hanging on to life with a 24-month daughter Hannan and 5-week son Mohammed. Finally last night she was visited with infant formula and nappies by a small NGO risking life to support new mothers. On a diet of biscuits and salt water, Rana was no longer able to breast feed. There are 5,000 women due to give birth in the next month. Look at your children and your grandchildren and ask yourself how you might help.

Medical Aid for Palestine (www.map.org.uk) and Amos Trust (www.amostrust.org) are directly supporting workers in Gaza. Amos partners with the beautiful old church bombed last week. Members of the SAPL children's group have details of the organisation supporting Rana.

But beyond that, please make your voices heard. A ceasefire is urgent - only 3% of the UK population disagree. But it must be followed by real justice. And then, we pray that peace will come.

Anne Hollows

News from Shirley House Interfaith Centre



Again, this year we celebrated the Nether Edge festival with a pub-style Interfaith Quiz. We reused many of the questions from last year, a good number of which have been printed in *Nexus* during the year (with answers). Nonetheless

more than one participant said it was one of the hardest quizzes they had taken part in. The questions were written by members of the different faiths, based in topics such as history, geography, arts, numbers, food and festivals. In fact, most teams managed respectable scores, sometimes by guesswork. What does this say about what we learn about each other's beliefs when we meet every month in Shirley House? To some extent I think it says that despite many talks about the stories, traditions, festivals and rules, what we mostly learn is that we are all individuals, with more in common than what divides us, all seeking meaning, spirituality and how to live worthwhile lives.

In October we had an interesting presentation from Rev Helena Roulston about the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy at Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) where she works. Many of us of a certain generation may have experienced chaplaincy at school, university or maybe the armed forces as another branch of Christianity - focussed (usually) on young people, sharing similar lifestyles, but based on Christian worship, study groups and mission. The modern multi-faith chaplaincy has little in common with that, but offers non-judgemental listening, quiet spaces, social spaces and Muslim prayer spaces. There are faith advisors from all the major faiths in Sheffield, including Humanists, some of whom attend Shirley House meetings. Like Shirley House Interfaith Centre (SHIFC), SHU chaplaincy somewhat skirts around the fact that, while being fully inclusive of all personal characteristics, some faith leaders, members or doctrines within the set-up are not inclusive of all sexualities and lifestyles. Like SHIFC they find that getting to know and love others is the most important thing.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 14 November (Interfaith Week) Forgiveness – What? Why? How? A discussion on what (we think) our faith says about forgiveness.

Sunday 3 December 3:00- 6:00 pm Dialogue Society Christmas Dinner, Hallam Community Hall, booking essential. (The Dialogue Society is an interfaith charity organised by the Turkish Muslim Community): sheffield@dialoguesociety.org

wb 11 December (date tbc) – Winter Party. Games and party refreshments.

See www.sheffieldinterfaith.org.uk, the noticeboard outside Shirley House, or SAPLC weekly newsletters and website for more information.

Caroline Cripps

The Story Behind the Restoration of the Spire

It was a great relief to know that while storm Babet did its worst, the Spire and roof were secure. It is less than a year since we started to raise funds to undertake the restoration of the Spire, having been told by the architect that we should complete this during the summer of 2023, as it was probable it would not survive another winter.

The Spire Restoration Group worked hard to raise funds and manage the project. We investigated the possibility of removing the spire - after all it is an aesthetic architectural feature, without function as a bell tower or ventilator - but we were advised that as an important aspect of the Grade



II listing and would have to be replaced (which would have cost more than the £135k required for restoration). As the building is listed, the design had to be a like-for-like restoration using traditional materials.

We applied to nine different bodies for funds, of which seven were successful. We were in the fortunate position of being able to use some of our reserve fund, which would give grant giving organisations confidence that if they provided funds, we would be able to go ahead with the project. At the end of February we launched our local and community appeal and decided to hold a community garden party to raise funds. The target for this was £25,000, but by mid-April about £35,000 had been raised and with the amount already raised we were able to appoint the contractor who began the restoration in early June. The community Garden Party took place in early May at the Kenwood Hall Hotel, but instead of a fund-raising event, it was a celebration of having raised sufficient funds.

The dismantling of the louvred section revealed that there was little of it that could be reused. The iron bolts used to hold sections to the inner frame had expanded as they rusted, which had split the timber of the frame and the outer buttress pieces. The frame needed to be strengthened and we were also advised to have the louvred and castellated sections entirely replaced in accoya, a type of treated soft wood that is more durable than hard wood. Fortunately, the success of the fund-raising and generosity of the funders, enabled us to agree to the additional cost of these changes. Regrettably, the planned Open Day visits onto the scaffolding for a close up view of the spire could not take place but instead parts of the deteriorated timbers and copper sections were displayed in the transept of the Church, and people were able to sign the inside of one of the copper sheets that had been fabricated ready for fixing.

On 5 October we invited everyone who had worked on the project to a lunch-time Thank You event. We were especially grateful to the workmen who had laboured high up on the scaffolding through rain, shine and wind, the contracting company management for their competence and consideration in their occupation of the Church, and the architect who had produced highly accurate design drawings of the spire, which were praised by the joiner.

The Spire now looks just as it did almost one hundred years ago when the Church was built. The copper will lose its shine in the coming months, and in two or three years it will turn green. The drainage system in the upper castellated part is improved and the bird grills are shaped to match the gothic shaped openings in the louvred sections. Also, it is possible to climb up inside the structure so that future maintenance can be carried out without scaffolding.

In fact, storm Babet did cause us problems because a blocked drain resulted in the cellar being flooded. We were fortunate to prevent water from halting the operation of the boilers, so the Church was warm and comfortable for our Quaker meeting for worship, but that's another story ...

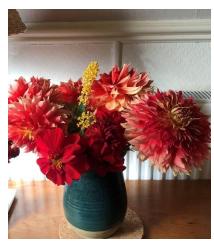
John Cripps

Gardening Notes

Did you and your garden cope with the October floods? They made 'No man is an island' feel particularly relevant. Surviving at the top of the hill, as most of the parish is, does not prevent your access to the rest of the city being cut off by swollen rivers elsewhere.



I guess we can just expect the seasons to be more and more unreliable. The increasing heat has upset the patterns of the weather that had been stable for over 100,000 years.



This year demonstrated that "normal" is a thing of the past. What plants worked for you? My Dahlias, eventually, did well. I have heard of huge pumpkin, multiple yucca inflorescences and seen trees covered in figs. (My fig tree is covered in them. But only three have been ripe enough to eat.) The flavour of apples has not been as good as usual, probably due to the lack

of sunshine at critical moments this year. The really hot weather was not far south from us, but we were stuck under the jetstream with banks of cloud. At the end of October what had been hot air let go of the moisture and I could not put a number on the gallons that came down here!

What can we do to cope with these changes? Grow a wide variety of crops. Keep the soil busy. By which I mean don't leave it uncovered,

doing nothing. Bare soil loses fertility and carbon and is more easily washed away. (The Native North Americans complained that the Europeans caused to rivers near them to be cloudy because of their ploughing. It also spoiled the fishing.)

So less digging when possible. Many varieties of garlic need planting in November. Add mulches to increase the level of humus and therefore the water holding capacity. Almost any composted material will be fine.

Leaves! I know, they are a nuisance. But turn this into a bonus; yes, I do tell you every year. Collect leaves into a pile and stack them up.



All that captured carbon just needing to be looked after. Stacking them up and leaving them alone for two years, they don't need turning, will give you the basis of your growing medium. It is the mycelium of fungi that will recycle the cellulose. These are fragile and need to be left damp and undisturbed to work their recycling magic. Not much effort from us for big results. This year I grew pumpkins by making a pot sized hole into the top of the pile and planting them into it.

I use an old builder's one tonne bag. One pumpkin started on the top on the hedge it formed on, then sank through it, 3 feet, to the floor. All the trimmings from our hedges need to be recycled rather than burnt. We need to encourage pollinating insects. Growing open flowers that provide nectar, as well as beautifying our gardens. Wallflower seeds might work now.

Now is the time to plan what you will do next year. If you want to talk to me, I will listen.

Bill

Church and Community

Knit and Knatter Mondays, 10-12:00, Shirley House Contact: Alison Gregg, 266 5638

17th Sheffield Brownies

Mondays, 17:45-19:15, St Andrew's Hall Contact: Chris Venables, 07950 432487

The Tuesday Café

Tuesday 14:00-16:00 Shirley House The Tuesday Café is our café for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers.

Church Family

Congratulations to

Simon, our organist, and Lena who were married in Germany very recently. We wish them both every happiness in their new life together.

We pray for those with health concerns

Pam Frost, Q Ackom-Mensah, Helen Mannion (Barbara and John Booler's daughter), Tom Reavey and Hilary Jowett.

We hold in our prayers

Gina Pierce and her family following the very sad news that David has died; the family of Nev Wheeler who has died; the family of Joyce Battye, a former member of St Andrew's and pastoral worker at the time the LEP was formed, who has died.

We were delighted to receive into membership

Adam Denno, Sophie Peel Yates and Mark Strong at a special service on Wednesday the 27th September. Both Adam and Sophie have started on the Methodist Church's 'Explore Course' – seeking to discern God's call upon their lives and the possibility of serving in some form of ministry in the future.

Services

Services are held in the Church every Sunday and are also livestreamed and recorded. The links to online services will be sent by email on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to all on our list, and are also on the Home Page of the SAPLC website.

Sunday Services Each Month

1 st Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30 am
2 nd Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30 am
3 rd Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30 am
4 th Sunday	Holy Communion	9:15 am
	Morning Worship	10:30 am
5 th Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30 am

Please note that this is not a set pattern – please check the list below, the church website or the weekly newsletter for up-to-date details.

Gluten free bread is always available in our Sunday communion services. Both fermented and unfermented communion wines are normally used.

Junior Church takes place during the main 10:30 am services (except All Age Worship services). Children between 2 and 3 can join in with a parent/carer.

Wednesday Services

Every Wednesday 10:30 am

Church Diary

Services

5 November	4 th Sunday before Advent	
10:30 am	Morning Worship	John Harding
3:00 pm	All Soul's Service	Judith Roberts, Rev Naomi Cooke
12 November	Remembrance Sunday	
10:30 am	Service of Remembrance	Rev Cheryl Collins
19 November	2 nd Sunday before Advent	
10:30 am	All Age Holy Communion and	Rev Naomi Cooke
	Gift Day	
	Please bring Christmas gifts for Baby Basics	
26 November	Sunday before Advent, Christ	
	the King	
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Rev Cheryl Collins
10:30 am	Morning Worship	Judith Roberts
3 December	Advent Sunday	
10:30 am	Advent Carol Service	Jenny Carpenter
7 December		
7:00 pm	Taizé Prayer for Advent	
10 December	Second Sunday of Advent	
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Cheryl Collins
14 December		
7:00 pm	Taizé Prayer for Advent	
17 December	Third Sunday of Advent	
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Naomi Cooke
6:00 pm	Carol Service	Rev Naomi Cooke
21 December		
7:00 pm	Taizé Prayer for Advent	
24 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
10:30 am	Christingle Service	Rev Cheryl Collins
25 December	Christmas Day	
10:30 am	All Age Christmas Celebration	Rev Naomi Cooke
	and Holy Communion	

31 December	First Sunday of Christmas	
10:30 am	Morning Worship	Rev Naomi Cooke

Other Events

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Tuesday 28 November	7.30 pm	ECC Meeting	Narthex
Saturday 2 December	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	Church Grounds
Week beginning 11 December (date tba - see Church newsletter)	7:30 pm	Interfaith Centre Winter Party with team games and party refreshments	Shirley House Landing
Tuesday 12 December	7.30 pm	Worship Planning Meeting	Interfaith Room, Shirley House

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